GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:174
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS FROM BANGLADESH
Chakraborty Shri Ajay

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to import natural gas from Bangladesh for various uses mainly in the industrial sector of Eastern and North Eastern regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.174 BY SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND MARCH, 2006 REGARDING IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS FROM BANGLADESH.

(a) to (c): As the domestic availability of gas is not adequate to meet the country`s demand, we have been pursuing import of gas, both as liquefied natural gas (LNG) and through transnational pipelines, from countries in our region which have an exportable surplus.

So far, the Government of Bangladesh has not shown any interest in exporting gas to India, on the ground that the gas is required to meet its domestic requirements.